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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended as set forth above. Claims 14-16, 26-28, 33, 36 and 38 are cancelled and claims 41-48 are new. No new matter has been added.

I. Examiner Interview Dated December 5, 2006

An Examiner Interview was held on December 5, 2006. An agreement as to allowability was not reached. However, it is believed that an agreement was reached that the current changes to the claims overcome the cited references.

II. Rejection of claims 1-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,944,821 issued to Bates et al. (hereinafter "Bates"). In light of the amendments herein, applicants respectfully disagree. Independent claim 1 includes the following features not taught or otherwise suggested by Bates:

"setting, on a second computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics indicate characteristics of data that identify when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application

by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the data characteristics of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the data characteristics of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

omitting the reference information when the data characteristics of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application"

As one example from the specification of the application, the specification recites as follows:

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"It is noted that in some embodiment of the invention, the copy/paste module 222 may past data reference information with the data depending on the characteristics of the data, such as the size, amount, or type of data that is pasted. This function of the copy/past module 22 may be affected by user settings and/or predetermined configurations." *See Specification*, at pg. 17, lines 2-6.

As another example from the specification of the application, the specification recites as follows:

In some embodiments of the invention, the copy/past module 22 may implement determination step 402 by surveying the data reference information prior to pasting it to the destination application 138... Following the determination step 402, if the copy/past module 222 determines that preferred data reference information is available, the exemplary sub-process can proceed along the "Yes" branch to step 404... However, if the copy/paste module 22 does not determine that there is preferred data reference information available, the sub-process 308 can proceed along the "No" branch to step 406. In step 406, the copy/paste module pastes the copied data to the destination application 138 without data reference information. *See Specification* at pg. 17, line 22 - pg. 18, line 16.

Applicants assert that Bates does not teach the above features of claim 1. Bates teaches information gathered from a source document. As depicted in FIGURES 5 and 6 of Bates, Bates teaches a selection window for selecting items to be included in the source information. However, there is no teaching in Bates of identifying copy data characteristic that indicate when reference information is pasted or not. Bates teaches what information to include. Bates does not teach *characteristics of the copied data that indicate* when the reference information should be included. For example, a user could set the copy data characteristics to indicate that only copied data of a certain length should include reference data. When data is copied, the length of the data is analyzed to determine if it is sufficient to include reference data. Bates does not teach or suggest such a scenario. More particularly, Bates does not teach or suggest "by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the data characteristics of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application." Also Bates does not teach or suggest "automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the data characteristics of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer

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application" and "omitting the reference information when the data characteristics of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application."

Independent Claim 1 also includes the following features not taught or suggested by Bates:

"obtaining *pasting reference information from the second computer application*;
and

automatically *pasting the pasting reference information* to the second computer application."

As one example from the specification of the application, the specification recites as follows:

During routine 308, the copy/paste module 22 may also obtain data reference information for other applications, such as the destination application 138 or the other source application 137. For example, the copy/paste module 22 may obtain the data and/or time that the data was pasted to the destination application 138 from the destination application 138 or another application running on the computing device 120. *See Specification*, at pg. 16, lines 12-16.

Applicants assert that Bates does not teach the above features of claim 1. Bates teaches information gathered from a source document. Applicants can only find teaching in Bates related to information from the source document. This makes sense in that Bates is only concerned with citing the information. Independent claim 1 makes the distinction between "reference information" and "pasting reference information." Claim 1 identifies that the "pasting reference information is obtained from the *second computer application*" (e.g. the computer application that the data is being pasted into). Bates does not teach or suggest these features in that Bates is only concerned with obtain information from the source document (e.g. the document that data is being copied from). Accordingly, applicants assert that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 18 includes the following features not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited reference:

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setting, on the computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics indicate characteristics of data that identify when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to a second document;

by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the computer application, determining when the data characteristics of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second document when the data characteristics of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

omitting the reference information when the data characteristics of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second document;

obtaining pasting reference information from the second document; and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second document.

Applicants assert that Bates does not teach the above features of claim 18. Bates teaches information gathered from a source document. As depicted in FIGURES 5 and 6 of Bates, Bates teaches a selection window for selecting items to be included in the source information. However, there is no teaching in Bates of identifying copy data characteristic that indicate when reference information is pasted or not. Bates teaches what information to include. Bates does not teach analyzing *characteristics of the copied data that indicate* when the reference information should be included. For example, a user could set the copy data characteristics to indicate that only copied data of a certain length should include reference data. When data is copied, the length of the data is analyzed to determine if it is sufficient to include reference data. Bates does not teach or suggest such a scenario. Also, applicants can only find teaching in Bates related to information from the source document. This makes sense in that Bates is only concerned with citing the information. Independent claim 18 makes the distinction between "reference information" and "pasting reference information." Claim 18 identifies that the "pasting reference information is obtained from the second computer application (e.g. the

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computer application that the data is being pasted into). Bates does not teach or suggest these features in that Bates is only concerned with obtain information from the source document (e.g. the document that data is being copied from). Accordingly, applicants assert that independent claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 29 includes the following element not taught or otherwise suggested by Bates:

"setting, on a second computer application, copy data characteristics of data, wherein the copy data characteristics indicate characteristics of data that identify when reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application

by accessing the copy data characteristics of data of the second computer application, determining when the data characteristics of the copied data indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

automatically pasting the reference information related to the data from the memory to the second computer application when the data characteristics of the copied data indicates that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application;

omitting the reference information when the data characteristics of the copied data does not indicate that reference information related to the data is automatically pasted to the second computer application"

"obtaining pasting reference information from the second computer application;
and

automatically pasting the pasting reference information to the second computer application."

Applicants assert that Bates does not teach the above features of claim 18. Bates teaches information gathered from a source document. Again, As depicted in FIGURES 5 and 6 of Bates, Bates teaches a selection window for selecting items to be included in the source information. However, there is no teaching in Bates of identifying copy data characteristic that indicate when reference information is pasted or not. Bates teaches what information to include. Bates does not teach analyzing *characteristics of the copied data that indicate* when the

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reference information should be included. For example, a user could set the copy data characteristics to indicate that only copied data of a certain length should include reference data. When data is copied, the length of the data is analyzed to determine if it is sufficient to include reference data. Bates does not teach or suggest such a scenario. Also, applicants can only find teaching in Bates related to information from the source document. This makes sense in that Bates is only concerned with citing the information. Independent claim 29 makes the distinction between "reference information" and "pasting reference information." Claim 29 identifies that the "pasting reference information is obtained from the second computer application (e.g. the computer application that the data is being pasted into). Bates does not teach or suggest these features in that Bates is only concerned with obtain information from the source document (e.g. the document that data is being copied from). Accordingly, applicants assert that independent claim 29 is in condition for allowance.

With regard to the dependent claims, applicants assert that those claims have been amended to include subject matter not taught or otherwise suggested by Bates. Moreover, those claims ultimately dependent from the independent claims. As such, applications believe that they should be found allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above.

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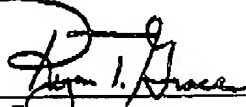
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III. Request for Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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